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DIRECTOR GENERAL, NATIONAL OFFICE OF TOURISM AND PUBLIC
RELATIONS. FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD, SHORT, HEAVY-SET, VERY
LIGHT-SKINNED MULATTO. SAUREL WAS
CONFIRMED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TOURISM IN HAITI IN APRIL
1977. HE WAS CHIEF OF SALES OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS IN
PORT-AU-PRINCE WHEN HE TOOK A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THAT
COMPANY IN SEPTEMBER 1964 TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF THE HAITIAN
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BUREAU OF TOURISM IN NEW YORK. IN 1970 SAUREL JOINED THE
OAS OFFICE OF TOURISM AND FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS DIRECTED
THE CARIBBEAN DIVISION OF THAT OFFICE. HE CONCEIVED AND CARRIED
OUT THE "1974: TOURISM YEAR OF THE AMERICAS" PROJECT. IN
OCTOBER 1977 HE MOVED TO BARBADOS WHEN THE REGIONAL HEAD-
QUARTERS WAS TRANSFERRED THERE. SAUREL'S ENERGY, IMAGINATION,
DECISIVENESS, EXPERIENCE, AND FLUENT ENGLISH AND

SPANISH MAKE HIM BY FAR THE BEST QUALIFIED TOURISM DIRECTOR
HAITI HAS HAD IN MANY YEARS. HE PRESENTLY APPEARS TO
ENJOY THE FULL SUPPOHT OF PRESIDENT DUVALIER
IN REFURBISHING HAITI'S
INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. SAUREL IS BELIEVED TO BE A U.S.
RESIDENT ALIEN. JONES UNQTE CHRISTOPHER UNQTE VANCE

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